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COURTS AND KELLY CURES.

Several of our Vermont contemporaries have expressed themselves as quite satisfied with Judge Ross' recent new departure in dealing with persons arrested for intoxication—namely, giving them a chance to work out their sentences at the Kelly cure instead of at the house of correction. The St. Albans Messenger thinks the other six judges could do effective temperance work if they would adopt Judge Ross' method, and the White River Junction Landmark is rather inclined towards a doing away with imprisonment for intoxication and giving the responsible a Kelly course at the expense of the state, so as to open a way to reform for rich and poor drinkers alike.

The Judge Ross policy along this line may have been novel enough to set the press of the country talking, but not a few new methods are great improvements over the old ones, and the alternative which was put within reach of these violators of a moral and legal enactment may prove to be a precedent worth following. The staying of the mittimus, under such condition, was a move in the interest of humanity, and if it fails to bring about the desired effect it will not be the fault of the court.

Any method which seeks to take a man out of the reach of that which is destroying him is commendable, even though it be deeply tinged with novelty.

NO FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Those newspapers and individuals who gave the late legislature credit for generosity in the passage of a bill providing for free text books were victims of misplaced confidence; for the legislature did no such thing. The measure went through the house by a handsome majority, and everybody took it for granted that the bill was safe. A large number of the members themselves, on returning home, assured their constituents that free text books would be the order for two years to come. They were wrong, however, as the bill was killed in the senate during the rush of the last night—though just who struck the fatal blow, or how the accident happened, is one of those things that no fellow can find out. It is a matter of regret that any carelessness or indifference in the senate should have defeated a measure which promised a relief to the people of the state—especially to that portion of them who feel the burden involved in the purchase of school books; and the unaccountable disappearance of the bill reflects very discreditably upon the "upper house."

Gov. Fuller has taken the ground that the recent punishment inflicted by the county court in the case of Dr. Bourbonnais of Burlington, convicted of two second offences at liquor selling, was too severe and rather more than fitted the crime; so he has pardoned the respondent, on condition that he pay the total costs of the legal proceedings—about seven hundred dollars. Bourbonnais had been fined \$240 and costs, and sentenced to the house of correction for two months, but had only served a few days when the governor's intervention released him from further confinement. Whether the judicial or the gubernatorial opinion of "severity" in sentences for violations of law should be given preference, may be looked upon as a debatable question; but it is to be hoped that the respondent in this case will see the point and not give the courts another chance at him.

Some of the peoples "across the big water" are getting uneasy again. What with the Panama scandal and the threatened revolution in France, the alarming movement among the German coal miners which the military of that country has been ordered to crush, a threatened anarchist demonstration in Spain and an anticipated uprising in the Argentine Republic, things are not as peaceful as they might be. The situation in this country is gratifyingly different, and even so soon after having gone through an exciting political campaign involving a change of administration, the people

of the United States are pursuing the even tenor of their way as calmly as if nothing had happened. *Vive la republique.*

The "street railroad" talk that is just now being indulged in at several points in the state is quite entertaining. Street railroads are useful in certain localities; but the Vermont town is yet to be discovered where there is any immediate prospect of such an institution being a practical or paying thing. Talk is interesting, but it will not lay the road, furnish motive power or keep the treasures of the proposed companies full. Very few places in this state offer any tempting inducements for the outlay of cash in this direction.

The Vermont Fish and Game League has just issued a neat little pamphlet containing the laws of the state relative to the protection of fish and game, and with this little pamphlet the league also sends out a "red ink" bulletin calling the would-be sportsman's attention to the main points of these laws. The league is a trifle ahead of the state in the promulgation of the statutes, and is to be congratulated on this piece of enterprise in behalf of a respectful deference to the provisions of law.

The late Jay Gould was a genuine success as a tax dodger—if the statement of the New York tax commissioner is worth anything. It is said "on authority" that the wealth of the financier amounted to one hundred and forty times the sum on which he paid taxes. Jay Gould knew how to do it, and he did it. But to the average citizen who means to pay his taxes like a man, such a condition of things indicates something wrong somewhere.

The Boston Herald thinks that Massachusetts offers some excellent cabinet timber for Mr. Cleveland's consideration, and is of the opinion that Gen. P. A. Collins stands a good chance for that sort of preferment. If Mr. Russell had now been an ex-governor instead of a real governor, he would fairly have led the list of cabinet candidates. But as he is out of it, the Herald talks Collins to a large extent.

Capt. John H. Mimms of Company B, who has for many years been court stenographer in several counties in this state, has opened a law office in St. Albans. Capt. Mimms has done faithful and most efficient service as court reporter, and his long experience in that branch will serve him to excellent advantage in the full practice of law.

The Umbria lays no claim to be called an "ocean greyhound," so far as her last trip across is concerned. But officers and passengers seem to have behaved admirably in spite of the exciting experience during the long delay at sea. Who can tell what disaster this level headedness precluded?

The band has begun to play in New York state. The latest from the would-be Senator Murphy's friends is to the effect that his election is sure, in spite of Mr. Cleveland's opposition. The Empire state is a very interesting locality most of the time.

The Concord Monitor and the Manchester Mirror are having quite a tussle over their respective candidates for the office of state printer. In Vermont the newspapers have an exceedingly quiet time with the state printing.

North Dakota is sure of a republican senator, as that party has a clear majority in the legislature.

NEWSPAPER TALK.

The Crowd is Large Enough.

There is a growing opinion that the foreign element of our population is already as large as we can safely carry and assimilate. The steady influx of immigrants has proved a disturbing factor in the solution of the labor question, and justice to our own people demands that an attempt be made to protect them, at least for a time, against further disturbance from the same source. This would be true even if the foreign immigrants now coming hither were all of a desirable class, but it is well known that a large proportion are not. For some time past, owing to cheap transportation and the competition of railroad and steamship companies, the quality of foreign immigration has been steadily deteriorating. It is notorious, also, that many paupers and criminals have been sent hither by the authorities of different European countries. It is bad enough to have our labor market already overstocked, still further glutted by a steady influx of foreigners, but it is far more alarming to contemplate the rapid increase of our criminals and paupers from the same cause. [Indianapolis Journal.]

LETTER FROM CONCORD.

EDITOR CALEDONIAN:—The saying that "there is no place like home," is a very, very old saying, yet it is just as true today as it was the day when first uttered, many years ago. It is often the case that one has to be deprived of a comfort before he can fully appreciate its value. The comparison which I wish to make at this time is not confined to the narrow limits of a household, but in the broader sense, embracing the whole community in which one lives and associates. About three weeks ago I left my home in your beautiful town, and am now temporarily located in the beautiful New England city of Concord, N. H. Beautiful, did I say? Well, yes, in a certain sense Concord is a beautiful city. It has some beautiful streets, fine residences, good business blocks, very fair churches, a passable opera house and several good public halls. It is the capital of the state, and contains beside the state house, a magnificent government building, in which are the post office, U. S. marshal's and other government officials' offices, also a fine court room, in which are held the sessions of the U. S. courts for this district. This structure is of modern architecture, and reflects great credit alike upon the architect and builder. Its exterior is of a beautiful, almost white granite, from quarries within the state. The wood work of the interior is of natural oak, and all the internal arrangements seem most elaborately and conveniently made, especially the post office department, which occupies nearly all the first floor. The building is in the center of a perfect square, containing about 1½ acres, surrounded by a fine concrete walk, protected by an elaborate granite curbing. Broad concrete walks lead from the four corners and through the center on two sides to the four entrances. It is by far the finest structure in the city. Just across the street on the north side is the state library, in a partially finished state. This structure is also of a light colored granite, and judging from appearance of that portion which is completed, it will be equally as grand as the government building above described. The state asylum, which is located at the extreme west end of Pleasant street, is a fine institution in every sense of the word. The buildings are of modern architecture, and the grounds, embracing many acres are very charming and picturesque, and everything about the establishment suggests the good taste and judgment of those who have to do with the unfortunate occupants inside.

The new state prison buildings, located at the extreme north end of State street, and quite out in the country, are fine and substantial structures, and have, as yet, baffled the skill and cunning of all culprits who have attempted an escape. With all these beautiful structures, Concord contains hundreds of poor, shabby and unsightly houses, shops and stores, compared with which your poorest residences would seem almost palatial. Concord is not a "hustling" city. It is very countryfied, and is at least fifty years behind almost any other city of its size in New England, in point of push and "go-ahead-iveness." In one sense it is not unlike St. Johnsbury in that its capitalists seem content to invest their money in stocks and bonds outside the city. It is not a good manufacturing center like the sister towns of Nashua and Manchester. The principal business seems to be in the general mercantile line, and embraces many stores, both wholesale and retail. The retail prices of general commodities are rather higher than those at St. Johnsbury, and it is a more expensive place in which to live. While Concord is quite a literary town, yet it contains a conspicuously large number of low and illiterate people. The general morals of the people are altogether too "loose," and drunkenness, profanity and all kindred vices are painfully noticeable on the streets; and how can it be otherwise when rum is freely (almost as openly) sold every day, as soda or ginger ale are sold in St. Johnsbury in the hottest mid-summer days. In a later letter I may describe some of these "dens," and how they are tolerated by the authorities. Just now everybody is busy preparing for the convening of the legislature, which meets in January. Later, if it will agreeable to your readers, I will inform them as to the movements of the machinery, after the button is pressed.

A Court's Busy Day.

The Burlington Free Press says of the term of the Chittenden county court, just concluded, that "it was one of the longest, and one at which more cases were heard than at any term previously held in this county. There were 24 jury trials, and verdicts were returned in every case, which is quite remarkable. Court was in session 70 days. There were 319 civil, divorce, chancery and state cases brought to the attention of the court and not a case was continued without good and sufficient reasons. The 319 cases were disposed of as follows: Civil, nine were settled, two referred to special masters, 16 tried, 79 continued and 24 discontinued; state, 57 were continued, 28 heard, including pleas of guilty and trials, four not pressed and two dismissed; chancery, 14 were heard, one discontinued and four continued."

RECORD OF THE WEEK.

Thursday.

Two murderers were taken from a jail at Greenville, Ala., and hanged by a mob of 100 men.—A \$150,000 defalcation causes the suspension of Wayland, Trask & Co., New York bankers.—The French anarchists have issued a manifesto, calling for a general strike for freedom.—Three men were dangerously wounded and five others seriously hurt by an explosion at Milesville, Pa.—A battle over a rich find at the San Juan mining camp in Colorado resulted in the death of 11 men and the serious wounding of many others.—Eight thousand colliers in Germany have struck in obedience to a socialist proclamation.—A national association of the ex-chaplains of the army and navy has been formed, with T. H. Haggerty of St. Louis as president.

Friday.

Freeport, Ill., had a \$60,000 fire, in which several tenants lost all their effects.—Kilgore, a small town in Ohio, has been almost depopulated by diphtheria, fully 50 persons having died within two weeks.—The Methodist seminary at Atoka, Okla., gets \$750,000 by the will of Santa Fe, Ga.—A plot to burn the city of Buenos Aires has been discovered and frustrated.—Rev. Dr. Briggs, on trial for larceny, has been found not guilty by the New York Presbytery.—Pope Leo's semi-centennial jubilee is to be celebrated at Rome in January and February, and 40,000 pilgrims are expected to visit the city during these months.

Saturday.

The long overdue steamer Umbria reached New York, after an exciting experience, having been disabled, 200 miles from Halifax, in a terrific gale, and resisting all efforts of another steamer to tow her.—Quite a gang of freight car robbers has been unearthed at Erie, Pa., and stealing has been carried on there on a gigantic scale.

Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Jenkins of Boston shot her baby and then attempted to shoot herself, while in a fit of insanity.—An outbreak of cholera is reported at Dunkirk, France.—France, Germany and Austria have experienced a severe cold wave, and suspension of traffic was threatened on several railways.—The eleventh census, which will be completed Dec. 31, 1893, will cost over \$8,000,000.—The New Hampshire report just issued shows the average pay of male teachers per month as \$49.02; female, \$26.09; the enrollment of pupils 1082, and the average attendance 1492, in excess of the preceding year; the number of schools was nine less than in 1891, but the condition of schools is generally better than ever before.

Northampton, Mass., has been presented with an elegant academy of music, costing \$100,000, given by E. H. R. Lyman in honor of his ancestors, who were among the early settlers.

Tuesday.

Brigandage is spreading again in Russian Poland, and many outrages have been committed.—Boston was the scene of another tragedy, resulting in the death of Lewis Wagner and his mistress, he having shot her and then killed himself.—A Milwaukee, E. W. Ballard made a half mile bicycle record of 1.26, and J. S. Johnson made a mile in 2.26.

Wednesday.

William E. Barrett chosen speaker of the Massachusetts legislature.—Henry Cabot Lodge nominated for senator by the caucus of republicans of Massachusetts legislature.—Several men injured by a natural gas explosion at a Chicago fire.—Ten killed and 10 wounded in a railway collision in Austria.

VERMONT MATTERS.

For the Dairymen.

At the 23d annual meeting of the Vermont Dairymen's Association to be held at Morrisville Jan. 10, 11 and 12, a large amount of dairying implements and machinery will be exhibited and run by steam power, and butter will be made on the spot by various processes. The association offers cash premiums on butter and cheese, and these are duplicated or added to by different manufacturers and persons interested.

The Officers' School.

The officers of the First Regiment meet for their annual course of instruction at Rutland this week. As the Kingsley Guard of that city held their annual ball and reception on Wednesday evening, the presence of the regimental officers added eclat to this latter affair and made it a memorable social event. Gov. Fuller and staff were present.

The post office at Saxton's River has been raised to the presidential class.

Liquor Agent Tower of Rutland is in trouble because several habitual drunkards have disclosed on him.

Thirty-five years ago Vermont Black Hawk, with three in the 230 list, was the champion trotting sire of the world.

John P. Spaulding, a well-known book dealer, died at Rutland on Sunday, aged 51 years. He had been in business 25 years.

The convention of the Vermont beekeepers association was held at Burlington last week. Eight new members were received into the association.

There were a large number of street accidents at Rutland on Monday, on account of icy sidewalks. Two or three persons broke their arms and several were badly bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hall of Cambridgeport, parents of Senator A. A. Hall of St. Albans, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 3d inst., and were the recipients of many gifts.

The Silver Question.

There is but one measure that can take the place of the Sherman law and save the country from dropping to a silver basis with a crash, and that is a law providing for the free coinage of silver on equal terms with gold—that is to say, the free coinage of silver bullion on private account, the coins to be invested with the full legal tender quality. That is the remedy and that is what the people of the country desire. [Atlanta Constitution.]

New Advertisements.

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Through the White Mountains
To Lanchester, Colebrook, North Conway,
Boston, Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, Bar
Harbor and St. John.
On and after January 1, 1893.

Trains Leave	
St. Johnsbury 2.30 a. m.	2.45 p. m.
Lancaster 4.00	3.45
Jefferson, Br.	4.25
Lancaster 4.45	4.45
Babyans, Iv., 4.43 p. m.	4.35
Trains Arrive	
St. Conway 6.14 a. m.	6.00 p. m.
Boston 12.55 p. m.	8.10 p. m.
Portland 8.25 a. m.	6.15 a. m.
Boston via Portland, 12.55 p. m.	1.25 a. m.
Lewiston 9.40 a. m.	6.05
Bangor 6.30 p. m.	10.15
Bar Harbor 9.30 a. m.	1.20 p. m.
St. John 5.50 a. m.	
Trains arrive at St. Johnsbury from Boston, Portland, Lewiston, Bangor, North Conway and White Mountain resorts 2.40 and 9.40 p. m. From Jefferson and Lancaster 2.40 p. m.	
PAYSON TUCKER, V. P. & Gen. Mgr. P. E. BOOTHBY, C. P. & T. A.	

Presentation of Account.

HARVEY E. PIERCE'S ESTATE.

STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia District, ss.
In Probate court, held at the probate office
in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 29th
day of December, A. D. 1892:

Ella C. Pierce, administratrix upon the estate of Harvey E. Pierce, late of St. Johnsbury, in said district, deceased, presents her administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased.
Whereupon it is ordered by said court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof to be held at the probate office in said St. Johnsbury, on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1893, for hearing and decision thereon: And it is further ordered that notice hereof be given to all persons interested, by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Caledonian, a newspaper published at St. Johnsbury, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed and such decree made.
By the Court, attested:
WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

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Snow Shoes,
Fancy Slippers,
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Doll Shoes,
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All kinds of Felt Goods.
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Mufflers,
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Largest Assortment. Lowest Prices.

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100 Barrels Broken Candies

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For Christmas Trade.

Ask for and insist upon having

SMITH'S.

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Then do not squander time, for that's the stuff life is made of. Make the quickest possible time to the Standard Drug Store and get a supply of

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burn them and thoroughly disinfect your premises. It is not easy to ignite pure brimstone. These Sulphur Pastilles, however, are easily ignited and continue to burn until consumed. We offer them as a substitute for brimstone commonly employed. Invaluable in fever cases. Each pastille contains a pound of sulphur put up in pound carton and sold for 25c each.

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AUCTION.

The balance of our Stock, \$10,000 to \$12,000, to be sold by public auction commencing

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 2 p. m.,
and continuing afternoon and evening until sold.

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